

A P P E N D I X II:

THE AMENDED CLAIMS (clean version):

1. (currently amended) A choline ascorbate in form of crystals.

2. (currently amended) The choline ascorbate crystals as claimed in claim 1, wherein the crystals are free from water of crystallization.

3. (currently amended) The choline ascorbate crystals as claimed in claim 1, having diffraction lines at $d = 3.80 \text{ \AA}$ and 4.55 \AA which are most intense in a range between 3.40 and 4.70 \AA in a 2Θ X-ray powder diffractogram.

4. (currently amended) The choline ascorbate crystals as claimed in claim 3, having an intensity ratio of the diffraction lines at $d = 3.80 \text{ \AA}$ and $d = 4.55 \text{ \AA}$ of at least 0.5.

5. (currently amended) The choline ascorbate crystals as claimed in claim 3, having an intensity ratio of the diffraction lines at $d = 3.80 \text{ \AA}$ and $d = 4.55 \text{ \AA}$ of at least 0.4.

6. (currently amended) A process for preparing choline ascorbate in form of crystals, which comprises reacting ascorbic acid with triethylamine and ethylene oxide, and carrying out the reaction in a temperature range from -10°C to 40°C .

7. (currently amended) The process of claim 6, which is carried out in a water-miscible organic solvent.

8. (currently amended) The process of claim 7, wherein the choline ascorbate is crystallized in the solvent used for the reaction.

9. (currently amended) A choline ascorbate in form of crystals obtainable by the process defined according to claim 6.

10. (previously presented) Drugs comprising the choline ascorbate claimed in claim 1.

11. (previously presented) Additives in foods, additives in animal feeds or food supplements comprising the choline ascorbate claimed in claim 1.